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**TRANSMITTAL: REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**(37 CFR §1.114)**

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Total Claims	24-34, 36-43, and 46-60	34 - 20 =	14	x \$9 =	\$126
Independent Claims	24, 36, 39, 40, 47, 51, 52	7 - 3 =	4	x \$43 =	\$172
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- A Form PTO-2038 authorizing a charge to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

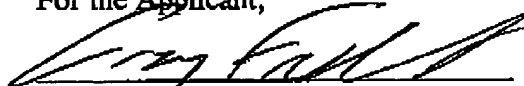
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If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- PTO-2038 (\$683)
- Response to Final Office Action of  
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